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in the Kummersdorf Area. (*Construction
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two reports on the construction of a Soviet military airfield in the Kummersdorf area. The reports give information on the following: (1) The labor force, (2) Activities of Soviet military and civilian personnel at the Shumke See casern, (3) Negative information on underground installations, (4) Road conditions in the area, (5) Construction of a rail line, (6) Supplies, and (7) Warehouses.

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The E. German firm BAU-UNION-SUD is currently building an airfield for Soviet military jet planes between Kummersdorf and Kummersdorf Gut. It is located at the former ~~at~~ artillery range. The firm has opened a canteen for its employees which is located at "Shumke Lager", 1 ^{km.} ~~km.~~ west of Sprenberg. The canteen consists of several buildings which are part of the Soviet caserene and is separated from the caserene proper by barbed wire.

Soviet personnel at the caserene are as follows: Air Force (blue piping and bars), and special units (black shoulder boards and piping). The special unit shoulder boards also have hammers and lightning. The Air Force enlisted men, beginning with sergeants, wear the same type of uniform as the officers, i.e. long blue trousers without cuffs, OD jackets with open collars, shirts with ties, and blue caps.

Soviet officer families live in "Shumke Lager" as well as in private dwellings. The wives are not very well dressed and many of them still have the typical Russian hair dos. The wives come to the canteen for almost all of their purchases and especially for vodka, often buying 5 or 6 bottles at once. The enlisted men buy jam, rolls and margarine since butter is too expensive for them. They are not permitted to purchase vodka.

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Shumke Lager - Sperenberg - [REDACTED]

As was previously reported Soviet enlisted men, engineers and signal corpsmen, are employed in the construction of the air field at this location. The 50X1-HUM landing and take off strips are up to five kilometers in length. No other details are available to source at this time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] inasmuch as air field is being built on a former artillery range and many unexploded bombs, shells and grenades are found every day. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as many as 60 pieces are found daily. These are taken away 50X1-HUM by German specialists and destroyed. There have been no accidents to date but upon completion of a day's work the laborers give a sigh of relief saying, "Lived thorough another day." 50X1-HUM

[REDACTED] there is a road from Kumersdorf to Shumke Lager which is in terrible condition and is not used. If it is necessary to go from Kumersdorf to Shumke Lager one must take the route through Sperenberg, i.e. Kumersdorf - Sperenberg - Shumke Lager. The road being used for the construction of the airfield runs by from Sperenberg and by Shumke Lager. Its new part from Shumke Lager to the airfield is being built in connection with the requirements of the construction of the airfield.

There is a railroad line, standard gauge, being laid from Shumke Lager to the site of the airfield. This is a continuation of the line from Sperenberg to Shumke Lager. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

Construction material is brought either by trucks, normal in appearance, or by railroad. Warehouses containing construction materials are located along the railroad line leading from Sperenberg to Shumke Lager.

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controls on entering and leaving the "lager" have recently been tightened. Formerly employees were allowed to enter upon simple recognition, but now are required to show passes and are checked with a master list.